



WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS



**SCENIC BYWAYS GRANT PROGRAM
(SBGP)**

What is SBGP?

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) makes discretionary funds available to undertake eligible projects along highways designated as National Scenic Byways, All-American Roads, or State Scenic Byways; up to 80% of the costs for eligible activities will be reimbursed by the FHWA. Priority consideration will be given to: eligible projects that are associated with highways designated as a National Scenic Byway or an All-American Road and that are consistent with the Corridor Management Plan (CMP) for the byway; and projects along a State-designated byway that are consistent with the CMP for the byway or are intended to foster the development of such a plan and are carried out to make the byway eligible for designation as a National Scenic Byway or an All-American Road.

What projects are eligible for funding?

- ? Development and implementation of a CMP to maintain the scenic, historical, recreational, cultural, natural, and archaeological characteristics of a byway corridor while providing for accommodation of increased tourism and development of related amenities.
- ? Safety improvements to a State scenic byway, National Scenic Byway, or All-American Road to the extent that the improvements are necessary to accommodate increased traffic and changes in the types of vehicles using the highway as a result of the designation as a State scenic byway, National Scenic Byways, or All-American Road.
- ? Construction along a scenic byway of a facility for pedestrians and bicyclists, rest areas, turnouts, highway shoulder improvements, passing lanes, overlooks, and interpretive facilities.
- ? Improvements to the scenic byway that will enhance access to an area for the purpose of recreation, including water-related recreation.
- ? Protection of scenic, historical, recreational, cultural, natural, and archaeological resources in an area adjacent to a scenic byway.
- ? Developing and providing tourist information to the public, including interpretive information about the scenic byway.
- ? Development and implementation of a scenic byway marketing program.

Who may apply for SBGP funds?

Non-profit groups, State and local governmental agencies, or political subdivisions within the State of West Virginia may apply for projects along officially designated byways/backways.

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Proof must be provided that your proposed project will meet at least initial criteria to qualify for SBGP funding:

- ? The project must be located along a designated byway/backway;
- ? The project must fit within the eligibility activities;
- ? The applicant must have a minimum of 20% of the total cost (either in cash or donated in-kind goods/services) AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION.
- ? The applicant must commit to provide future maintenance of the project.

What is the Application process?

The application process is intended to establish communication between the West Virginia Division of Highways, the FHWA, the appropriate byways/backways organization, and the applicants. Therefore, we have established the following process:

STEP 1: *Complete the "Intent-To-Apply Form" (included with this brochure). Please provide a description of the proposed project; include information to detail location on a specific byway/backway; the source of required matching funds (cash match, in-kind third-party match); projected costs; amount of Federal funds requested; additional information, as necessary.*

Send one completed form to EACH of the following:

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| 1. West Virginia Division of Highways
Planning and Research Division
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Building 5, Room A-863
Charleston, West Virginia 25305 | 2. Byway/Backway Organization
(see attached listing for
appropriate contact
name/address) |
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STEP 2: *With concurrence of the byway/backway organization, if your project meets requirements for eligibility, the applicant will be asked, by letter, to continue by filling out a full application form (both on-line and paper copy). An application package with full instructions will be mailed to the contact person listed on the "Intent-To-Apply Form" as soon as available from the FHWA.*

STEP 3: *Applications must be submitted by January 15th of each year.*

STEP 4: *Review by WVDOT staff with prioritization of projects statewide; transmittal to the FHWA.*

STEP 5: *Projects are selected by the FHWA.*

STEP 6: *Both successful and non-successful applicants will be notified by letter.*

INTENT-TO-APPLY FORM

NAME OF APPLICANT'S ORGANIZATION:

NAME OF BYWAY/BACKWAY:

CONTACT PERSON & TITLE:

CITY:

ZIP CODE:

TELEPHONE:**FAX:**

E-MAIL:

**APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDS
YOU INTEND TO REQUEST:**

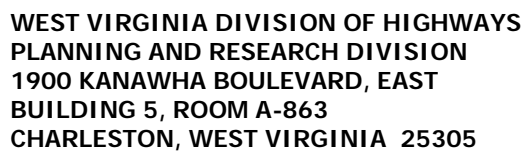
SOURCE OF REQUIRED 20% MATCH (DETAIL):

PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE PROPOSED PROJECT:

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WVDOH: _____ Byway/Backway Organization _____.



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